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ALLARD NAMED "LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR" BY THE AMERICAN HUMANE ASSOCIATION

WORK ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN AND ANIMAL ISSUES EARNS COLORADO SENATOR AHA'S HIGHEST AWARD

Washington, D.C. – The American Humane Association (AHA) has presented it's annual Legislator of the Year Award to U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO).

"Senator Allard has worked tirelessly to better the lives of children and animals throughout his public career," said AHA President Tim O'Brien. "He has worked diligently over the years to support measures that strive to end the cycle of violence to both children and animals."

The American Humane Association presented their annual award to U.S. Senator Allard, one of two veterinarians in Congress, due to his work in 2001 to pass anti-cockfighting legislation in the Farm Bill, his promotion of Tag Day, an effort to inform people about the importance of pet identification, and his assistance in getting information to military personnel deployed for Operation Enduring Freedom about pet welfare and temporary pet foster care options available to them. The award was presented by AHA to Senator Allard in Denver last week.

"I am extremely honored to be named Legislator of the Year by the American Humane Association," said Senator Allard. "Their efforts on behalf of children and animals over the last 125 years is well known to all Americans, so I am very humbled by this award."

Founded in 1877, the American Humane Association is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to protect both children and animals. They provide national leadership in the development of programs, policies and services on behalf of children and animals who are abused and neglected.